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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: CASC, EAIR, NL

SUBJECT: PANAM LOW FARE FLIGHTS AMSTERDAM TO BOSTON AND

POSSIBLE STRANDEES

REF: STATE 172074

- 1. AS OF MORNING JULY 10, PANAM REGISTERING PASSENGERS ON ITS WAITING LIST FOR JULY 21. DUTCH AUTHORITIES HAVE ANNOUNCED REGISTRATION PROCEDURE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE BUT PAN AM SEEMS TO BE GOING AHEAD WITH IT.
- 2. DAILY LOW FARE FLIGHT LEAVES AT 14:00 HOURS LOCAL TIME AND PAN AM STARTS MAKING UP PASSENGER LIST AT 09:00 EACH DAY. PROCEDURE IS AS FOLLOWS, USING JULY 10 AS EXAMPLE: PAN AM REP CALLS OUT REGISTRANTS FOR JULY 10 AND ALL REGISTRANTS PRESENT AT THE TIME GO FIRST ON PASSENGER LIST. SINCE THERE IS CONSIDERABLE NO-SHOW FACTOR, HE THEN CALLS OUT NAMES ON LIST FOR JULY 11, AND SO ON, IN ORDER OF REGISTRATION, UNTIL PASSENGER LIST IS FULL. ON JULY 11, THE PROCEDURE WILL BE REPEATED, STARTING WITH THEOSE ON WAITING LIST FOR JULY 11.
- 3. EMBASSY OFFICER AND CONSUL GENERAL OBSERVED ABOVE PROCEDURE AT AIRPORT ON SEPARATE DAYS AND FOUND SITUATION ORDERLY. ON UNCLASSIFIED

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JULY 7, CONSUL GENERAL NOTED THAT LAST NAME CALLED FOR THAT DAY'S FLIGHT WAS ON WAITING LIST FOR JUNE 16.
PAN AM REP TOLD CONGEN TODAY THAT THEY CALLED NAMES ON WAITING LISTS TO JULY 16 BEFORE FILLING FLIGHT OF JULY 8 AND REGISTRANTS TO JULY 14 BEFORE FILLING FLIGHT OF JULY 9.

4. PAN AM HAS RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM DUTCH TO PUT ON EXTRA

707 ON AD HOC BASIS.

ACCORDING TO PAN AM AMSTERDAM, NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXTRA PLANE HAVE YET BEEN CONCLUDED.

5. NUMBER OF PERSONS REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE STILL RELATIVELY SMALL. WE ARE HOWEVER, GETTING REQUESTS FOR PRIORITY FROM U.S. CITIZENS WHO COMPLETED FIRST LEG OF TRIP BEFORE WAITING LIST PROCEDURE WAS ESTABLISHED AND WHO CLAIM THEY WERE LED TO BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE NO EXTENDED WAIT FOR RETURN FLIGHTS. PAN AM IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF GRANTING THEM SOME PRIORITY. WE WILL REPORT ON THIS LATER IF ANYTHING IS DONE. IN MEANTIME WE INFORM ALL CALLERS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS RESTS WITH PAN AM. LAGASSE

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